



## **RIASFAA Conference**

June 15, 2016

**Business meeting called to order at 9:14am by RIASFAA current President, Sandra Oliveria**

### **Welcoming Remarks, Sandra Oliveria, President**

- Thank you to conference committee
- Change to events moving forward – outreach, structure, etc
- Jack Reed Night in November 2015
- Thank you for support staff workshop put on earlier in the year
- What are other states doing, and what do we want to get out of RIASFAA

### **Treasurer's Report, Stacey Pettella, Treasurer**

- June report and ending balance
- Member dues statements will be sent in July
- Motion: To approve budget and treasurer's report
- Vote: Motion carried

### **Secretary's report, Melissa Donahue**

- Motion: To approve minutes from October 2016 conference
- Vote: Motion carried

### **New Members**

- Introduction of all attending members to familiarize members with each other

### **RI Office of Post Secondary Commissioner, Michael Joyce**

- Pending legislation that eliminated RIHEAA passed
- 529 Plan to the Office of the General Treasurer
- RI Scholarship and grant program
  - Administer DCYF, Academic Promise, Crusade
  - RI State Scholarship will include in state privates for 16/17

### **EASFAA update, Wynette Zuppardi, EASFAA President**

- Thank you RIASFAA presidents for EASFAA participation
- Information about EASFAA
  - 13 states including Puerto Rico
  - 11 committees and 2 ad hoc committees
  - EASFAA conference 2016 May 7 – 10, Burlington V
- Training topics for the coming year
  - Finaid 101 for other offices
  - Federal relations
  - Gainful employment
  - PPY

- Diversity and inclusion
- NASFAA Credential training
- Hill Visits in spring 2017

#### **Nominations Committee**

- One nominee for president elect, Shannon Gallagher elected president elect
- All members of the nominations committee are stepping down, need committee members
- Recommendation to the RIASFAA board
  - Have past president chair nominations committee, and at least one past board member serve as well

#### **New Business**

- What more can we do as a RIASFAA group
  - Francesca, JWU
    - Lender relations and process of apply for loans from perspective of a family
  - Shannon, RISD
    - General alternative loan training process
  - Technology that other schools use
  - Social media in financial aid
- Scholarship announcement
  - Pell and Amaral Scholarships
    - Morgan Zonfrillo, Salve Regina University
    - Kaitlyn Colello, New England Institute of Technology
  - Silent Auction in 2015 raised \$687

#### **Old Business**

- By laws updated
  - Proposal of having a bylaws committee

**Business meeting adjourned at 10:00am by current President, Sandra Oliveira**

#### **Federal Update, Zachary Goodwin, FSA Trainer**

- Perkins Loan update
- V6 verification group update
- Verification update for 2017-2018
- Prior-Prior Year

**Event adjourned**